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A Plea for Prayer

By Ellis A. Fuller
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I have just returned from Europe. I had almost a week of intimate fellowship with the Germany people in their institutions.

Dr. Duke K. McCall and I traveled by automobile through the country-side from town to town and visited in the home of German people. We not only saw the bombed cities, but we saw a crushed people.

Destructiveness of War

When one visits the cities of Europe, he gets a conception of the destructiveness of war that even his imagination cannot grasp. Even in the light of what has happened we have no way of anticipating the disaster and the doom of another war. We know that we now have lethal instruments of warfare that mean destruction beyond anything we have ever known.

One cannot visit Europe without getting the impression that another war is inevitable. Regardless of how optimistic one may be, regardless of how repulsive the thought of another war, the cold facts of human nature, as they are now operating in human relations in Europe, lead us to know that depraved human beings left alone are utterly incapable of solving their problems and working out ways of peace.

A Call To Prayer

It is our habit to call people to prayer after war starts. We set apart (Continued on Page Ten)

Home Altar Call Made By Leaders

The staff members of the Baptist Sunday School Board with headquarters in Nashville, at a recent gathering launched what they hope will grow into a great movement for 100,000 new family altars among the Christians in their denominations, during 1949. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, secretary, and heads of the various divisions back the plan.

The following outline is suggested with local pastors always heading up the emphasis in every church:

Every organization of the church — the Sunday School, the Training Union, the W. M. U., the Brotherhood — supporting the campaign through assembly program, associational meetings, teaching sessions, discussion periods, etc.; The campaign is to come to a climax in (Continued on Page Six)

Sinful Satisfaction

By Robert G. Lee, D. D., Pastor,
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President, Southern Baptist
Convention

Joy was mine, and inspiration, when I once had conversation with Gil Dodds, world champion mile runner and winner of the Sullivan award. He said, in public address, that he was not satisfied as an athlete on the track — although in each race he tried to do his best. He spoke of the fabulous four-minute mile and one of the one runners who came closest to running it, Gunder Haag. When, after the race, all were congratulating Haag on one of the greatest races ever run in Sweden or anywhere else and that his record in running the mile race was a record that would stand for years to come, Haag turned to the judge and said: "I would have run the four-minute mile tonight had not a cartridge from the starter's gun lodged on one of my spikes at the start of the race. That cartridge bothered me throughout the four laps of the race."

Power of Pen-Weilding

In thinking of what the feet and muscles of Gil Dodds and Gunder Haag have done and can do on the race track, I am thinking of what the pen-wielding hands of our Baptist editors have done and can do in helping our Baptist people to make mighty conquests for our Christ.

Our Christian weeklies are the journalistic salt of our denominational (Continued on Page Two)

"THE UNBROTHERLINESS OF THE SONS OF GOD"

M. Theron Rankin, Secretary
Southern Baptist Foreign
Mission Board

Some advocates of church union take every available occasion, and create many others, to cast slurs and aspersions on denominations. The quotation which I am using as my title is a typical illustration of such slurs. It is a quotation from the recently published book, *Let's Act-Now!* written by Richard Terrill Baker. I quote the paragraph on page 37 in which it occurs:

Take this matter of the church's divisions, the unbrotherliness of the sons of God. To the naked eye the holy, catholic, apostolic church looks like a figment. There are Romans and Anglicans, Copts and Syrians and Orthodox, and Baptists and Presbyterians and Lutherans and Methodists, Seventh Day Adventists and a whole slate of a la carte offerings to suit every taste. That's not good. But no one is more sure of how un-good it is than the Christians themselves, and no one is doing more to reunite the broken Christian family than the earth's leading churchmen.

I am referring to this quotation particularly because it represents a (Continued on Page Three)

Judge Abruptly Ends Dixon Case; To Rule In Favor Of Protestants

CHILDREN SLAPPED FOR AVOIDING CATECHISM CLASS

Dr. Bell To Speak On Miss. Radio Hour



DR. W. A. BELL

Dr. W. A. Bell, Pastor, First Church, Hattiesburg, will be the speaker of the Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, October 24 at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, Memphis.

"Baptist Youth Facing Future"

Frank H. Leavell,

B. S. U. Secretary, Nashville, Tenn. The title of this article is to be the keynote of the Third World Baptist Youth Congress to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, August 3-9, 1949, selected by the Committee on Youth Work of the Baptist World Alliance which met in London last August. Also present were a number of youth leaders from the Scandinavian countries — some from Stockholm itself.

The purpose and hospitality of the Swedish Baptists are no less than superlative. They state their desire and their ability to entertain 4,000. It was in Stockholm in 1923 that the Baptist young people's work for the world was organized. It will be interesting to go back to that beautiful city in the land of the mid-night sun for a world gathering of youth and youth leaders.

Properly interpreted, this meeting is an effort on the part of the Baptist (Continued on Page Two)

SANTA FE, N. M., —(RNS)— After nine days of hearings, the so-called Dixon case came to an unexpectedly abrupt end here with District Judge E. T. Mensley ruling that "there is no separation of Church and State" in some New Mexico public schools.

Judge Hensley, in an oral decision, found that Catholicism is taught in some public schools, and indicated that his written judgement, to be released later, would rule "generally in favor of the plaintiffs," a group of Protestants seeking to bar garbed Roman Catholic nuns, brothers and priests from public school teaching posts. He took no immediate action on a request for an injunction to bar garbed teachers.

Catholics will not carry the Dixon, N. M., school case to a higher court if the verdict goes against them, it has been indicated by Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Santa Fe, N. M.

According to a front-page story published here by The Register, Catholic weekly, the archbishop said that "the attorneys and the judge were notably respectful to the sisters and brothers questioned and that everything in the case was conducted on a high level."

In giving his oral decision, Judge Hensley listed testimony showing use of buses to transport parochial pupils, (Continued on Page Ten)

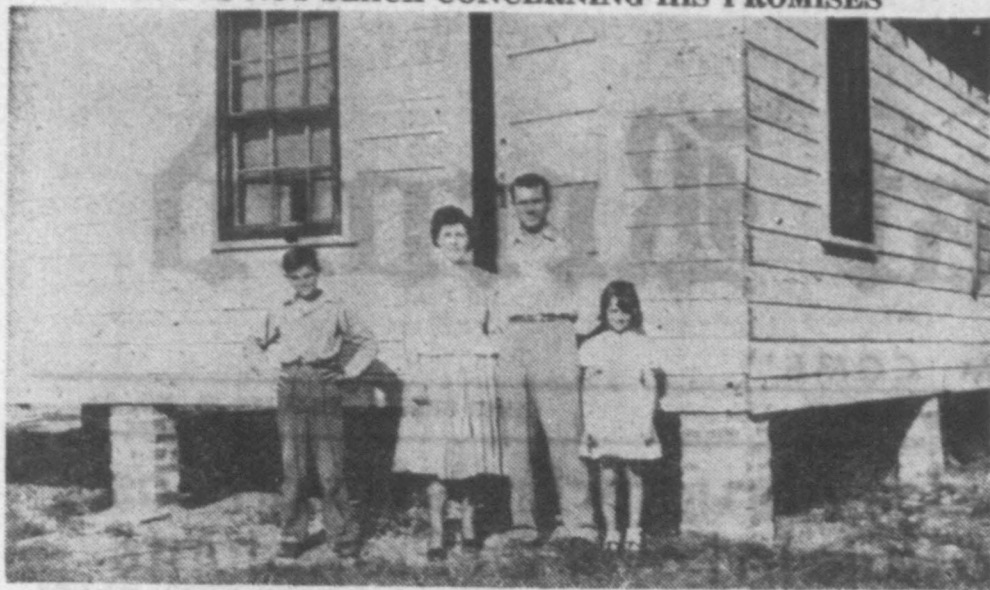
COTTON BALES FOR GOD

The Roundaway Baptist church in Sunflower county has to date been given six bales of cotton to sell for use in its work for the Lord. J. E. Hughes, chairman of the deacons, began the program by announcing that he would give a bale of cotton to the church if the people would pick it! The response was splendid and three other bales were donated in the same way. Others, desiring to participate, began giving 100 pounds of cotton already picked. A truck delivered the cotton thus contributed, amounting to two bales.

One Negro share-cropper, learning that his landlord wished to contribute, volunteered to pick and give his half for his employer. (This seems to be an example of correct race relations between owners and tenants.) Of the six bales four will add to the building fund and the rest to the regular budget. W. R. Austin, pastor, in telling of the plan, says: "If this plan were used extensively, rural churches would not only be able to support all causes, but would be able to provide physical buildings in which to meet the onslaughts of Satan's forces." (Editor's Note: We congratulate this fine church and recommend the plan.)

Sunday, October 24, Is State Mission Day in the Sunday Schools

"GOD IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISES"



Shown above Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Vaughn and children. (Photo by Louis Farmer)

"Faith is the victory." Repeatedly proof of the truth of this statement comes to the attention of the leaders of Clarke College. "God is not slack concerning His promises" He has promised to hear His children's call.

Marvin E. Vaughn of Vancleave, had made application for a cottage at Clarke but was far down on the list. He longed to enter school to prepare to preach the gospel. He and Mrs. Vaughn sold their place on the coast and made a trip to Clarke to see what the prospects were. They saw Dr. E. I. Farr, who is in charge of housing, and were told there was "no place for them to live at Clarke." They could not take "no." They had heard that another had put up a certain amount of money and a house had been built for him. They asked what the possibilities were in such a thing, finding that there was no money to finish such a house. Still they stayed. Finally they were asked if they would put up a certain amount of money provided the remainder could be found. They agreed at once. Dr. Farr told them there was the possibility such could be found. He went into another room to make a telephone call.

The two prospective students were tense and earnestly in prayer as the call was made. Rev. C. W. Thompson and the church at Aberdeen had expressed a desire to build a house for a Clarke student. They had already sent some furniture for the house. Dr. Farr asked Pastor Thompson over long distance if they were ready to build a house at Clarke. He replied that they did not have all the necessary money as yet. **THE AMOUNT THEY DID HAVE WAS THE EXACT AMOUNT NEEDED IN ADDITION TO THAT OFFERED BY VAUGHNS TO GET THE HOUSE IN LIVEABLE CONDITION.** Pastor Thompson promised to rush the money to Clarke.

When told that the house would be built by the opening of the school session both the Vaughns wept for joy. When they saw the furniture Mrs. Vaughn cried again for they needed it so badly.

Before leaving their home that day for Clarke College, the Vaughns and their pastor, Rev. R. P. Rust, had prayed that they somehow could move to Clarke. The pastor told them a way would be found if they had faith. The Lord must have had a place for them even though the college officials could not see it. Dr. Farr says, "I've never had an experience that showed so completely to be the result of prayer."

Two weeks from the time of this initial conference the Vaughns moved into the promised house. He is a freshman this term.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO

BE A MEMBER OF THAT CHURCH WHICH MADE THIS THING POSSIBLE? Would you not feel you were laboring "together with God" for His preacher boy? Such things could be multiplied at Clarke College, — Mississippi's Most Unusual School — showing that God is with the school. Moral conditions are high and clean! Faculty members are Christians, consecrated. Where can you give money that will provide greater help in the on going of God's work? GIVE NOW, for CASH is needed, — just as this instance proves over and over!

SINFUL SATISFACTION
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earth. Once some were published at financial loss. Some made a slender margin of profit. The number of subscribers has been a shame rather than an honor to our denomination. Baptist life has been enriched by splendors of thought, by information in facts and figures, by arguments that provoke thought and prayer and humility, by horizon-scanning prophecies, by being antidotes and offsets to evils, fostering an atmosphere of world-vision, by comfortingly emphasizing in this scientific age the truth that God was before there was an election or a world, by being watchmen who tell us of the night and speak also of the morning — helping us to see that the only way to be truly practical is to be truly spiritual.

Increased Circulation

I think of the sinful satisfaction many have as to the circulation of and the number of subscribers to our Baptist papers — ably edited, full, from title pages to last lines, of things our people need to know.

We talk of the "without" of heathenism — of the unevangelized who are folk without a Bible, without prayer, without hymns. The heathen have rulers without justice, homes without peace, marriage without sanctity, youth without ideals, children without purity and innocence, mothers without wisdom and self-control, poverty without relief, sickness without remedy, death without hope. Sad situation this—among the unevangelized in our Southland — when we have so many homes without the denominational paper, and so many indifferent to its necessity and worth.

So I make a plea that we make solemn vows to begin now and greatly increase the circulation of our Baptist papers between now and the meeting of all our State Conventions. Then will the truths our Baptist editors write have wider reach and, having wider reach, produce more fruit to the

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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Conehatta Training Union Helps Beat Line Get Started

The "Macedonia Call" came to the Conehatta Training Union from Beat Line and it was answered. A demonstration program by the Conehatta Intermediate union was carried to Beat Line. Miss Dorothy Weaver, director of the Conehatta union was in charge of the program which consisted of a devotional in which Midy Hensley and Inez Crane from the Young People's union sang "Neath the Old Olive Tree." Regular Sunday night program including Sword Drill and discussion at close by Leader, Miss Thelma Bounds. Each officer explained his duties briefly and the director explained the general organization and told how to obtain information and helps for a new union. In reporting this extension work Miss Weaver did not say so but we believe it can truthfully be said that every member of the Conehatta union who had a part in this program was happy and received a great blessing. Why can't EVERY union be a good Samaritan like this?

Hinds and Warren Associations Make History

"What a wonderful week we have had." "This is the best Training Union program we have ever had in our church." "My, I didn't know I could be taught so much about Training Union work. I thought I knew about everything about it." "We sure want another program like this in our church next year." And on and on were the favorable comments regarding the campaign both in Hinds and Warren counties the week of October 3-8. Twenty eight (28) churches all toll cooperated, all but one having an outside worker who directed the campaign in the church. On Tuesday and again on Thursday these workers along with some of the local workers came together to report on plans and progress. The churches in Hinds put nearly \$800.00 into a pool for the expenses of the campaign, which took care of publicity, and expenses and small honorarium of the visiting campaign director other than state and south-wide workers, these made their contribution in the name of the organization that employs them and to the glory of the Lord.

Parkway Jackson reached the peak attendance of 199. Smaller churches led the way in percentage of church

glory of God — increasing the faith of our people in our God and his resources, fortifying them in what true Baptists believe, increasing greatly the financial support of our people for our Christ-honoring causes, bringing encouragement to the despondent, stirring the lazily indifferent to greater effort, creating a better understanding of our purposes in the minds of the atagonistic, making mighty our co-operation with our editors as with their pens they plough furrows for the planting of Gospel truth and help all our Baptist hosts to keep clean and hold high the banner given us for display.

I make a plea that we put every Baptist paper we have in all the homes we have and train our people to read these papers. Else we shall be shamefully guilty of failure in reaching maximum efficiency; be guilty of sinful satisfaction that will make us stop at the half-way house.

membership part.

On Sunday afternoon October 3, more than 800 counted, plus a few that did not get in the count, attended the mass meeting that started the campaign.

Grateful are we to four southwide workers, three from the Alabama Training Union Department, and a host of pastors and other leaders in our own state for their splendid help. Special tribute goes to Mrs. Lewis H. Yarbrough, Associational Director of Hinds Association, for it was when these two associations were one that she set the stage for the campaign, more than a year ago, and through the year has worked and planned, and led to a successful climax. Special mention is also due Missionary Phil Walker of Warren Co. These of course had the finest cooperation from pastors, directors, and other leaders, who without we could do nothing.

White Sand in Pearl River Asso.

Organizes

Some pastors just can't be happy serving a church unless the church has a Training Union. F. G. Wilborn is one of these. Recently he accepted the pastorate of Ford's Creek and White Sand churches in Pearl River Association. Neither had a union and both have stated one. The Ford's Creek church has just gone far enough to get the director elected, but the White Sand church has organized with 65 present on the night of the organization, September 26th. By the time you read this the Ford's Creek Church will probably have completed their organization. 28 adults were charter members of the adult union at White Sand. "And again I say, rejoice."

"BAPTIST YOUTH FACING FUTURE"

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of the world to bring to their young people experience of worldwide proportions. The progress of the world for the emerging era is to be made on the basis of international thinking, planning, and contemplation. To wait until youths have grown to maturity to afford sufficient outlook, inspiration, and grasp on the problems of the religious would be futile and fatal.

At Stockholm the program will deal with the moral, social, religious, and spiritual problems of today. Participation by youth and youth leaders will be combined with addresses, discussions, and counseling by Baptist leaders from various parts of the world. Under proper auspices there will be international experiences, world outlook, spiritual interpretations of the kingdom of God, moral stamina, and intelligent grasp of world problems. It will be ecumenical in outlook and content.

Already parties under wise leadership are being organized. Churches, pastors, denominational organizations, and parents can greatly encourage and assist young people in making this trip.

Pastors themselves may go. There is no age limit. "Movements" galore are bidding for our young people. Many are following their alluring calls. Stockholm is a Baptist bid for Baptist youth. Stockholm will prove safe, uplifting, inspiring, edifying, stabilizing. Stockholm will be the experience of a youth generation. Further information will be sent upon request.

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

I
Editor Goodrich had all of us dressed up last week in that State Mission issue. The pictures surprised us. We knew of the articles, of course. The Editor and his office are 100 per cent responsible. We thank them in behalf of State Missions!

II
The Pre-Convention session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be called to order in the Baptist Building Monday, November 15, at 2:00 p. m. The Executive Committee of this Board will start its meeting at 1:00 o'clock noon sharp.

Members elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in its last session will serve at this meeting.

III
Our books close promptly on October 31st. All pastors and treasurers will see that funds for this Convention year are in by that date.

IV
What radio programs do you get on Sunday?

We do not too often hear a radio. We stay too busy. For instance, this week we have preached daily, attended the organization of the Rankin County Pastor's Conference, a B. T. U. meeting, two state committee meetings, two distant association sessions, various personal conferences, and carried on the work of the office.

Sunday mornings over the radio we like to get the Baptist Hour, the Good News Hour, some negro spirituals, the news, and occasionally some other Christian programs.

This Sunday afternoon while waiting for the Mississippi Baptist Hour, 2:30 — 3:00 p. m., we persued around over the dial. There was the ragged world series game, secular music, a religious speaker.

Came the Mississippi Baptist Hour — we got all of it. Good singing, excellent music, and inspiring message! Do you get it? Invite your friends and neighbors in for it! With it have a good time of fellowship! If driving, get it over your auto radio! The air is filled with the Gospel! Doxology!

What do you hear?

V
While making some east central associations we had the privilege of preaching for our very good friend, Pastor L. R. Alford, and the saints at Scooba. There were three additions. We also spoke in the public school and at the college. Brother B. A. Buchanan is their very fine song leader. Mrs. Alford painted a beautiful baptistry picture. She is a real artist. If you need anything like that, she might be able to help you out.

We visited the Oktibbeha County Association and found messengers filling the house of worship at Longview. Here again we were given plenty of time for presenting the work of Christ and thoroughly enjoyed the day. They seem to work Brother Dewey Metts overtime as he is moderator of this association and clerk of the Zion Association. We knew the father of these Metts boys. He was a great hearted rural preacher.

The next day we were at Kemper Association with Salem Baptist Church. Moderator C. C. Weaver saw to it that things kept happening during the day.

We are not only greatly encouraged but we are thrilled over all these associational meetings. The attendance has been good and the spirit unexcelled. We have found the greatest unity and harmony we have experienced these ten years. Mississippi Baptists are happy in the work, rejoicing in progress and victory, and really desire to go places for Christ!

We are greatly indebted to moderators, clerks, Board members, program committees, the ladies for the noon meals,

and still others for various courtesies. Doxology!

VI
Lebanon Association pastors voted unanimously to ask Dr. C. E. Matthews, S. B. C. Superintendent of Evangelism, to lead them in a simultaneous associational wide evangelistic series October 30-November 13, 1949.

Deer Creek Association voted unanimously to ask Dr. C. Y. Dossey, S. B. C. Assistant Superintendent of Evangelism, to come to them for the same purpose June 12-26, 1949.

The Bolivar County Association voted for Dr. Dossey to come to them in like manner July 3-17, 1949.

Each church will select its own evangelistic team. However, the campaign will be under the leadership of the southwide workers and will be a united simultaneous effort. II Chronicles 7:14 & 15. Zechariah 4:6. Habakkuk 3:2. Luke 4:18. Read the Acts of the Apostles. Doxology!

VII
THE WRONG LIFE

"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; — adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 5:17-21.

THE RIGHT LIFE

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." Galatians 5:22-26.

RELATED SCRIPTURES

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Galatians 5:16.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:7-9.

OLD LIFE — NEW LIFE

"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,

WORK AMONG NEGROES WITH STATE MISSIONS

By Lillian Rose Smith



LILLIAN ROSE SMITH

It has been a glorious task for me to work among my own people in this great missionary enterprise. I count it a privilege and a blessing from God who has inspired me to, and for this task. God has a great gift to bestow. The world has a great need. To bring the gift and the need together is our task. That is what I have been trying to do as a worker among the Negroes. I have been teaching that missions means making the Christian religion a vital, living thing—doing what Jesus did and would do if He were here; Making the great commission live; trying to make disciples of all nations, first starting at home and spreading abroad. Missions can help people to be better, for it transforms lives.

We have touched along the lines of educational missions, preparing for the task and learning how to win souls for the Kingdom and Industrial missions, meeting the needs in communities, sometimes giving first aid until medical help arrives. Above all, soul winning has been the main objective of our work. I go about this with faith in God and in humanity, believing that no one has gone so far in sin that God's love cannot help — knowing that the grace of God saves to the uttermost.

State Missions has helped in many ways, making it possible for Negro women to have and attend the institute for Christian workers held at Jackson College, and for Negro girls to attend camp at Clinton, Miss., camp Lubalo and other ways. The sentiment of the Negro people is one of gratefulness.

—BR—

Short Creek Church, Yazoo County, Aubrey L. Moore, pastor, elected the following officers for this associational year: Sunday School Superintendent, Foy Scroggins; is church clerk. Messengers elected to the association were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harris, Mrs. John Wigley, Burris Jones, and Mrs. May Woodruff.

The Scott County WMU Associational meeting was held at Bethlehem Church, Forkville, on September 21. All WMU's were represented except one. Miss Pearl Caldwell gave the inspirational address. Mrs. N. I. Stuart, of Morton, was elected Superintendent and Mrs. H. E. Boshop, of Forest, Associate Superintendent.

Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia delivered the "Homecoming Day" sermon October 17 for the Lexington Church of which he was formerly pastor.

which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:1-10.

"THE UNBROTHERLINESS"

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factor that stands squarely in the way of true Christian unity today.

This development is typical of what so often occurs when denominational agencies come together in an undertaking in which it is felt that all can co-operate. Some "ecumania" comes forth to use the occasion as an opportunity to promote schemes for organic church union, to turn co-operation into a means of achieving corporation of all churches. I could give instance after instance in which this has occurred.

Among the advocates of church union — not synonymous with Christian unity — it has become "the style" to inveigh against denominations as "the church's divisions." To do this has become a "flashbutton" to indicate "the earth's leading churchmen."

Such "unbrotherliness of the sons of God" is not good. Furthermore, it is not true. Denominations cannot justly be labeled as constituting "the church's divisions." The tendency to do this is in itself a major cause of division among us.

Until the so-called ecumenical movement positively and specifically makes its circle of Christian unity large enough to give respect and appreciation to denominations, it cannot rightly claim to be ecumenical. Until it does this, it will remain a sectarian movement, standing for sectarian ideas of church unity. Numerous statements made by leading exponents of the ecumenical movement give the impression that the amalgamation of all denominations into one organic church is the covert objective of this movement. A constant stream of such statements comes from the pages of *The Christian Century*. An expression from another source is found on the back of the 1949 issue of the booklet, *Christian World Facts*, stated in these words:

While denominational distinctions will only slowly be erased, there is increasing need for a more immediate determination to unify and co-ordinate plans and projects in the World Mission of the Church.

The denominational distinctions of Southern Baptists will never be erased, either slowly or rapidly. They are based on deep beliefs that we hold about the Bible. The author of *Let's Act—Now!* speaks with naive disregard of the facts of church history and the history of Christian theology when he says on page 38:

In the first place, there never has been any disunity within the church from the point of view of basic ideology. The disunity has had to do with the superstructure, the organization.

We are only being superficial when we try to ignore the differences that do exist among us in basic beliefs concerning the Bible. The disunity that has to do with the organization grows out of these differences in basic beliefs; and Christian unity will not be helped by any attempt to ignore them or to set them aside by the use of platitudes.

It is circumstances such as these that make it most difficult, and at times well nigh impossible for sons of God among Southern Baptists to be as brotherly with other sons of God as we earnestly desire to be.

—BR—

Rev. O. C. Bryant, who has been a student at Mississippi College, has decided to give his full time to evangelistic work. Anyone desiring his services may write him at P. O. Box 475, Clinton.

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Spread Your Dollars

Next Sunday, October 24, is
State Mission Day. In the issue of
October 14, our State Mission work
was explained in detail.

One dollar contributed to State
Missions will accomplish much.
One dollar will help the Conven-
tion Board office, Negro Work,
Historical Department, State BSU,
Chinese Mission, Music Depart-
ment, Evangelism and Steward-
ship, Indian Work, Brotherhood,
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aries.

In other words, your gift, large
or small will help do many things
in many places.

Publish It

We again urge all boards, com-
mittees, and individuals to publicize
any new matters that will come
before the meeting of the Missis-
sippi Baptist Convention which
meets in Jackson Nov. 15-18.

Anyone who is planning to in-
troduce resolutions that will cause
any change, or boards that plan to
make other than routine recom-
mendations should make these
matters known ahead of time. The
columns of the Baptist Record are
open so far as space will permit.

Campaign for 100,000 Home Altars

On another page is an article
pleading for 100,000 home altars.
No more worthy call has been
made by our leaders. The idea was
first suggested by Dr. Chester Swor
at the Southern Baptist Convention
last May.

Proposed by Dr. Joe E. Burton,
editor of Home Life, plans have
been made to establish at least
100,000 family altars. The number
suggested will help, but we need
many more than a mere 100,000. It

is said that there are 1,500,000
Baptist homes among "Southern
Baptists. Certainly we need more
home altars than one out of fifteen.
But a half a loaf is better than no
loaf at all. Let's get the 100,000 and
then thousands more.

No nation can be stronger than
the home. The oldest religious in-
stitution is the home. The home
was established before the taber-
nacle, the temple or the church.

Southern Baptists owe a debt of
gratitude to Dr. Burton for plan-
ning and organizing the campaign.
He hopes to enlist every agency,
every paper, the Southern Baptist
personnel, and all the state organi-
zations to reach the goal. And we
predict that he will succeed. He us-
ually does.

Present plans are to bring the
campaign to a close during Chris-
tian Home Week next May 1-8, and
to report the results to the South-
ern Baptist Convention meeting in
Oklahoma City.

More home altars would mean
fewer cases of juvenile delinqu-
ency, fewer divorces and family
quarrels.

More praying and more Bible
reading would result in better
homes, better husbands, better
wives, better children and a bet-
ter land in which to live.

The devil has a hard time getting
into a home when his path is
blocked by the Bible and prayer.

A Good Idea

In another column is a news note
concerning Southern Baptist Relief
stating that Southern Baptists have
sent 1,864,980 lbs. through the
Southern Baptist Relief Center at
New Orleans. It also states that
Memphis merchants to contribute
out-dated merchandise to the drive.
We commend this plan to Baptists
throughout the South, both city,
town, and country. Every church
could well solicitate the merchants
in their territory for any out-dated
merchandise that they have on
hand.

Hypocrisy

Occasionally we read of some
thief joining the crowd in hunting
the thief. We have even heard of
murders pretending to help find
the murdered. We recall that many
years ago a man took advantage of
another man and swindled him
out of his property and then helped
raise some money to help him out.
None of these were more inconsis-
tent or to our way of thinking hy-
pocritical than the recent action of
the president of the American Dis-
tilling Company. Dr. Hugh A.
Brimm, Secretary of the Social
Service Commission of the South-
ern Baptist Convention tells about
it in the following words:

A recent news item in a
Trade Journal of the distilling

industry calls attention to the
fact that the president of the
American Distilling Company
served as Secretary of the Bis-
hop's Committee which was
active in the campaign to
build a Protestant Episcopal
Home for Boys in New York
State.

The home was to be used as
a small scale "Boys' Town"
for wayward and underprivi-
leged youth.

The question in our mind
is this. To what extent does
the President of the American
Distilling Company and also
Secretary of the Bishop's Com-
mittee feel that his business is
making necessary a Home for
"wayward and underprivi-
leged youth."

Time and time again we are
reminded that if those who
profess to be Christians would
have no part in the manufac-
ture, sale, or use of beverage
alcohol the industry would
soon go bankrupt.

Smaller Pictures

Most of our people know about
the paper shortage and the increas-
ing demand for space. As our cir-
culation grows, more articles and
more news items are submitted.

Therefore, whenever possible, we
plan to use smaller cuts.

Therefore, if the picture you sent
is 1" x 1 1-2" it means we are sav-
ing a little space for another item
that otherwise would be left out.

Most photographs of people look
as well with a cut 1" x 1 1-2" as it
does 2" x 3".

If All Did As . . .

In a recent mail, the Baptist Re-
cord received a request from one
church to publish an appeal for do-
nations and from a pastor to run
an article about a revival in his
church.

Our records indicate that nei-
ther church had a single subscriber
to the Baptist Record. If all
churches in Mississippi had no sub-
scribers as do these two churches,
the appeal for donations would
have no readers; the same is true
of the notice of the revival.

Overflow Crowds Expected At Brotherhood Conferences

The last three of eight district Bro-
therhood conferences are to be held
the first week in November.

District Five, with T. Z. Brown as
president, will hold its meeting on
Monday evening, November 1, at the
First Baptist Church, Starkville, with
Dr. S. R. Woodson of Columbus as
the principal speaker.

Counties in that district are: Webs-
ter, Choctaw, Attala, Winston, Nox-
bee, Octibbeha, Lowndes, and Clay.

District Four, with J. W. Gray of
Pontotoc as active president, will hold
its meeting Tuesday evening, Novem-
ber 2, at the Harrisburg Baptist

Church, Tupelo, with Dr. Wilburn S.
Smith, pastor of First Church, Stark-
ville, as principal speaker.

Counties in that district are: Ben-
ton, Tippah, Alcorn, Tishomingo,
Prentiss, Itawamba, Lee, Union, Pon-
totoc, Chickasaw, and Monroe.

District Three, with L. R. White of
Pleasant Grove as president, will hold
its meeting at the First Baptist Church
at Grenada, Thursday evening, Nov-
ember 4, with Rev. R. W. Martin, pas-
tor of First Church, Batesville, as
principal speaker.

Counties in that district are: Desoto,
Marshall, Tate, Panola, Lafayette, Tal-
lahatchie, Yalobusha, Calhoun, Gre-
nada, Carroll, and Montgomery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

October 17, 1948

Crystal Springs	678	145
Hattiesburg, Main Street	812	261
New Albany, First	401	144
Jackson, Eastside	78	58
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	256	100
Jackson, Davis Memorial	289	89
Jackson, Northside	405	169
Jackson, Calvary	1105	1129
Calvary Mission	275	293
Jackson, Van Winkle	370	232
Jackson, First	1089	418
Jackson, Parkway	552	226
Parkway Chapel	66	20
Jackson, Southside	175	90
East Fork (Amite County)	100	48
Brookhaven, First	913	265
Ford's Creek (Pearl River County)	58	
East McComb	426	206
Lucedale	308	109
Rocky Creek (George County)	198	53
Kosciusko, Second	213	127
Union (Cesar) Church, Pearl River Co.	170	92
East Moss Point	165	39
Friendship (Pike County)	161	62
Chalybeate	25	9
Pascagoula, First	482	97
Admiral Schley Mission	82	
Crystal Springs (Walthall County)	122	68
Bryam (Hinds County)	104	74
Glenfield (Union County)	36	34
Houlka	45	25
O'Uckolofa (Yalobusha County)	16	15
Delay (Lafayette County)	16	
Durant, First	193	81
Booneville, First	195	106
Kreole, First	148	67
Columbus, First	878	211
Oloh (Marion County)	86	78
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	76	36
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	84	82
Centreville	173	
Marion (Lauderdale County)	98	58
East Columbia	105	54
West Laurel	425	115
Laurel, Second Avenue	448	134
Laurel, First	534	120
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	114	83
Old Bryam (Hinds County)	24	14
Holly Springs	56	
Oak Grove (Amite County)	73	63
Providence (Forrest County)	185	90
Meridian, First	702	
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	499	116
Meridian, Highland	444	160
Meridian, Southside	404	186
Meridian, Eighth Avenue	350	82
Meridian, Poplar Springs	240	71
Meridian, 41st Avenue	268	71
Meridian, Oakland Heights	136	46
Meridian, Oak Grove	133	51
Meridian, Key Field Mission	51	
October 10		
Centreville	172	66
Jackson, Eastside	119	81

A study of 336 college girls reported
in the September Quarterly Journal of
Studies on Alcohol indicates that girls
who drink in college have more dates,
but fewer of them become engaged. Of
the total, 90 were regular drinkers and
45 non-drinkers. The study showed the
non drinkers attended church more often
than the regular drinkers.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

(On Membership of Boards)

(NOTE — Important issues will face messengers who come to the next session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention November 15-18, 1948, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi. To be voted upon are procedures that will affect our Mississippi Baptist life for the next ten or twenty-five years. Your special Convention Committee on Christian Education feels that you should have items of procedure adopted in other years that our memory might be refreshed as to how certain things came about. To that end the following excerpt is reproduced.)

The following report was made by a committee appointed a year ago to compile the actions of the Convention relative to membership on the various boards of the Convention.

We, your Special Committee, appointed a year ago "to gather from the files of Minutes all actions of the Convention previously taken relative to the membership of Boards, Commissions and Committees" as per Section 42, page 37 of the Annual, beg leave to submit the following:

1. We find that there has been no action taken relative to the membership of Committees; only of Boards and Commissions.

2. To give a true historical perspective, it is necessary that we trace these actions from the formation of the present Convention Board of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in 1885. There we read:

1885 — (page 20): "That the Convention appoint a Board to be known as the Convention Board of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and to be located at Jackson, and to be composed of 15 members, nine of whom shall live at or near the domicile of the Board, and the other six to be selected from different sections of the Convention territory."

The Convention Board thus constituted of 15 members was satisfactory till 1911, when at the suggestion of A. H. Longino, it was enlarged:

1911 — (page 56, Sec. 46): "Twenty-seven members to be selected from the different sections of the Convention territory, and the necessary expenses of those members attending the meetings of the Board shall be paid by the Board."

And by an accompanying resolution, introduced by J. L. Low, the Committee of Nominations was instructed as follows:

"That in nominating the 27 brethren to constitute the new Convention Board they shall name nine to be elected one year, nine for two years, and nine for three years."

The Committee on Christian Education appointed to report to the 1912 session of the Convention was charged with the duty of bringing to the Convention suggestive plans for the creation of a permanent Education Commission. The Committee recommended and the Convention unanimously adopted as follows:

1912 — (page 67, Sec. 54): "That an Education Commission be created and its domicile be Jackson. That said Commission be composed of nine members to be elected by the Baptist State Convention at its present session, one-third of whom shall serve for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and thereafter for a term of three years. . . That none but Missionary Baptists in good standing shall be eligible to membership on said Commission. . . No trustee of any beneficiary institution shall be a member of the Education Commission."

A Five Year Program was adopted by Mississippi Baptists in 1916, which contained the following:

1916 — (page 83, Sec. 40): "That the Convention Board shall consist of one member from each association in the State cooperating with the Convention. These members to be elected by the Convention through its nominating committee from the nominees made by the district associations, each association nominating its own member of the Board, the Convention making its own nominations in case the association fails to suggest a name. . . one-third to be elected for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years."

There were forty-five members under this plan to begin with.

A resolution, offered by Bryan Simmons, was passed in 1920 seeking some modification as to the basis of representation and manner of selection of members to the Convention Board, which read thus:

1920 — (page 96, Sec. 59): "Resolved that the president of the Convention appoint a committee of five to study the question of the basis of representation and manner of selection of the membership of the Convention Board, and bring a recommendation concerning this matter to the next Convention."

The Committee appointed consisted of W. T. Lowrey, J. P. Williams, N. W. P. Bacon, W. F. Yarborough and Bryan Simmons. But we find no report and recommendations of this Committee.

Action was taken favorably upon a resolution introduced in 1923 that a Committee be appointed to re-write the constitution of the Convention (1923 Annual, page 23, Sec. 34). The following Committee was appointed for this purpose: O. B. Taylor, R. B. Gunter, J. D. Franks, J. L. Johnson, and P. I. Lipsey. (Page 28, Sec. 46). And the constitution adopted the following year carried the following provision:

1924 — (page 10, Art. IX): "Vacancies occurring in any Board between sessions of the Convention may be filled by the Board or by its Executive Committee."

Through resolution action was taken also in 1923 thus:

1923 — (page 23, Sec. 34): "Whereas, it would appear to be in better accord with Baptist principles and usage; therefore,

Be it resolved:

1. That no person shall be eligible to membership at the same time on more than one Board or Commission of the Convention which has to do with the administration of the funds of the Convention;

2. That no full-time board worker for any Board or Commission of the Convention, which has to do with the administration of the funds of the Convention, shall be eligible to membership on the Board or Commission which employs him, or any similar Board or Commission of the Convention;

The Committee on Resolutions in 1925 reported favorably, and the Convention passed the following resolution, introduced by Bryan Simmons:

1925 — (page 28, Sec. 33): "Resolved, That section No. 2 of the 'Resolution Regulating Membership of Boards' adopted at the 1923 session of the Convention be amended by eliminating the words 'or on any similar Board or Commission';"

"Resolved, That the expression 'full-time paid worker' in Section No. 2 of 'Resolution Regulating Membership of Boards' is hereby interpreted to mean employees who receive full pay from, and render all service for any Board or Commission."

A re-affirmation seemed to be necessary in 1928 when the following resolution prevailed:

1928 — (page 33, Sec. 38; II, No. 2): "Resolved, That we reaffirm our adherence to the policy that under all conditions whatsoever the members of the Boards of Trustees of all our colleges be elected by this Convention only."

As stated above the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission was created in the year 1912 composed of nine members and served a very unique and useful purpose for twenty years or more. But in their annual report to the Convention in 1932 they made recommendation and the Convention adopted as follows:

1932 — (page 101): "Fifth, In the interest of economy and for the purpose of simplifying the work of our denomination, we recommend:

1. That the Mississippi Baptist State Convention Board be made the money raising agency for the Baptist State Convention.

2. (Omitted).

3. That the said State Convention Board be also made the one agency through which and by which the Mississippi Baptist State Convention shall discharge not only those financial obligations which it has already contracted and assumed, but also those obligations which may be contracted or assumed in the future."

And in adopting the report of the Committee on Review of the report of the

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



WOODSON

Dr. S. R. Woodson above, pastor First Baptist Church, Columbus, will be the featured speaker for District Five Brotherhood Conference, Monday evening, November 1, at the First Baptist Church, Starkville. T. Z. Brown of Louisville, district president, expects a great throng of men at this meeting.

Dr. James W. Parrish above, pastor First Baptist Church, Laurel, will be the featured speaker for District Two Brotherhood, meeting at the First Baptist Church, Greenville, Tuesday evening, October 26. Van Owen James, district president, warns the other districts not to "sell the Delta short". He expects to break all records in attendance.

Districts One, Two, and Seven Plan For Mammoth Crowds

Three of the eight District Brotherhood Conferences are to be held the fourth week in October.

District One, with Henry Edmonds as president, will hold its meeting on Monday evening, October 25, at the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson, with Dr. A. S. Newman, Brotherhood sec-



PARRISH

retary of Louisiana, as principal speaker. District Two, with V. O. James of Greenville, Tuesday evening, October 26. The speaker to be announced. District Seven, with O. H. Longcoy of Biloxi as president, will hold its meeting at Perkinson Junior College, Thursday evening, October 28, with Dr. H. H. Hobbs of Mobile, Alabama as principal speaker.

HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Sunday Morning, October 24
At 7:30 CST

Dr. James L. Sullivan, speaker.
Subject: "Victory Through Surrender."

Over the following radio stations: WGRM, Greenwood; WFOR, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WAML, Laurel; WTOK, Meridian and over WAZF Yazoo City at 8:30 CST the following Sunday morning.

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Judge E. T. Hensley, after nine days of testimony in the Dixon, New Mexico, case, ruled that "there is no separation of Church and State" in some New Mexico public schools. The testimony showed that the Roman Catholic nuns, teaching in the public schools, discriminated against those who did not accept all of the Roman Catholic teaching.

Education Commission, the Convention the same year (1932, page 24, paragraph D) said:

"The Commission should be continued only until such time as the Convention Board shall be able to take over the obligations of the Baptist Education Commission and that the Baptist Education Commission of Mississippi be authorized and instructed to cooperate heartily with the Mississippi Baptist State Convention Board in effecting any and/or all changes in charter or otherwise as necessary so as to carry out the spirit of this recommendation."

Pursuant to this action of the Convention, the Education Commission in their 1933 report were able to say, (page 51, paragraph 4):

"The Commission feels that it has served and fulfilled its purpose as heretofore constituted, and that it can now be made a more useful and servicable agency through the Convention Board. The members of the Commission therefore hereby tender their respective resignations as such to the end that these offices may be filled from the Convention Board, or from the Executive Committee of said Board."

And, finally, in its report to the 1943 Convention, the Convention Board reported in part, as follows (page 66, paragraph 1):

"The dissolution of the Education Commission was not affected until the 1933 November session and the Executive Committee of the State Convention Board, through order of the Convention, became the Education Commission in order to conform to all legal requirements and contracts previously entered into by the Education Commission."

This, therefore, is a resume of the actions taken by this body relative to the membership of Boards, Commissions and Committees, so far as a careful perusal by your committee of all minutes since 1885. Other actions may have been taken which they may have overlooked.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE

MRS. D. W. MCLEOD

Mrs. D. M. McLeod, of Florence, wife of a retired Baptist minister, died Thursday night October 14.

A former resident of Pott's Camp, who had lived at Florence for the past seventeen years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. J. D. Wallace of Clinton, Mrs. Monroe Ball of Mendenhall, and Mrs. W. B. Jones of Scooba; one brother, W. A. Rogers of Florence.

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Dr. W. Clyde Atkins has decided to remain as pastor of the Eutaw Place Baptist Church in Baltimore. He has been elected as the state executive secretary in Maryland.

American brewers predict that their 1948 sales will go beyond the 87,098,495 barrels sold in 1947.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

R. Q. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. F. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, IS STATE MISSION DAY

Sunday, October 24, is State Mission Day in the Sunday school. This day has a twofold purpose; namely, to inform us as to our State Mission program and work, and to inspire a worthy and generous financial offering.

For us, State Missions means mission work right here in Mississippi. We hope every Sunday school in the state will respond with a generous offering on October 24 to help further the cause of Christ in Mississippi.

All offerings are to be sent to Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. Offering envelopes have been mailed to all superintendents. If you need more let us know.

LOUISVILLE GRADES ADULTS

"Our Adults cooperated beautifully. Committees have been busy, and men and women are hard at work. It really is thrilling to see these adults taking responsibility in their classes and departments," says Mr. Bill Watson, Educational Director, First Baptist Church, Louisville, Miss.

His reason for being so thrilled is that they completely graded their adults on Promotion Day. With them, Promotion day this year was really Promotion Day, from Nursery through the Adults.

Yes, this business of grading adults is definitely here, and here to stay. Our adults see the benefits and cooperate in a great way.

Rev. W. L. Day is the pastor of this church.

NEW NURSERY LEADER

Mrs. H. R. Jones has accepted the position of Superintendent of Nursery work with the Baptist Sunday School Board. She was formerly in this place of service and did an outstanding work. We welcome her back. She is a native of Mississippi, her home being Laurel.

PROGRAM AND CALENDAR BOOKLET

The 1948-49 Program and Calendar booklet has been mailed to each pastor and educational director in the state from the Nashville office.

From our state office we are mailing to Associational Missionaries, and to Associational superintendents where there are no Missionaries, a supply for each Sunday school superintendent.

This booklet contains program suggestions for the new year, and also the Calendar of Activities.

We urge pastors and superintendents to be sure and keep this booklet and use it. It will greatly help in their work.

TRAIN IN OCTOBER

Be sure, Brother Superintendent, to have some training for your workers during October. The new workers need it; the ones not new need it; in fact, all workers need training each year for greater efficiency.

The way to do it? Train in October.

MORE VBS REPORTS

McLain, Half Mile, Itta Bena, Gulfport East Side, Lula, Pine Hill, Pace, Bethany, Phillipston, Morgan City, Southside Jackson, Holly Springs, Oxford, New Fellowship, Corinth, Calhoun City Second, College Hill, Oak Grove.

Gillsburg, Bethlehem, Smithville, Pearly Grove Negro, Lena, Nettleton,

Utica, Hebron, Beacon Street, Deemer, Duffee, New Hope, Bethel, Ellisville, Calvary Jackson, Bunker Hill, New Prospect (Ellistown), Troy.

Woodland at School house, Macedonia, Toxish, Pleasant Hill, Startton, Bethel, Midway, Antioch, Goodyear, Bluff Springs, Deweese Mill Mission, Galilee, Gum Grove, East Moss Point, Mars Hill, Napoleon, New Hope, Amory.

Collinsville, East Tupelo, Nettleton, Bissell, Guntown, Priceville, Saltillo, Buelah, Ocean Springs First, and the following Negro schools: Mt. Nebo, Bertha's Chapel, St. Peter M. B., Shady Grove, White Oak M. B.

Mt. Calvary M. B., St. James, Progressive Baptist, White's Chapel, New Hope, Old Strangers Home M. B., Northside, Morning Star, New Zion, Goodman, Fairview, Pleasant Grove M. B. C., Canney Creek, Cherry Grove, True Light, Cade's Chapel, Mt. Wade, New Strangers Home, Terry Grove.

State Line, Bellefontaine, Van Cleave, Unity, Gautier, Pascagoula Calvary, Shady Grove, Old Silver Creek, New Hope, Crooked Creek, Carmel, Immanuel Natchez, West Side Natchez, Triangle Negro, Ingram, Hill's Chapel Mission.

Wheeler, East Prentiss, Valley Grove, Valley Grove Negro, Damascus.

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Tishomingo Assoc. Meets

The 88th annual session of the Tishomingo Association met with Bethlehem Church October 5-6. All 24 churches in the association reported and sent messengers.

The reports were outstanding and noted great progress. Three hundred thirty-one baptisms were reported, which more than doubles last year's report.

Rev. W. C. Hamilton was elected moderator and Mrs. Paul Skinner, clerk. T. R. Bonds, Hansel Russel, W. C. Gann, Hudson Dismukes, and Ben Hamilton were recently licensed to preach in this association.

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HOME ALTAR CALL

(Continued From Page One)
Christian Home Week, May 1-8;

The final pull for commitment to engagement in family worship to come in a public church service of home dedication; A beautiful certificate to be furnished each family which begins the daily practice of family worship. Acceptance of the certificate will signify the family's purpose to initiate daily family worship with a home dedication!

All Baptist Agencies to help promote the campaign; Report of results of campaign to be made to the Convention at Oklahoma City in May and; The campaign to be continued every year with the focus on Christian Home Week.

Special Publications under consideration, with these set as follows:

1. A leaflet or letter to pastors — outline of campaign with suggestions for local participation. To go out to pastors early in the year.

2. How to Establish and Maintain a Family Altar — general tract for parents — to be included in general tracts.

Special Promotion as follows:

1. All planning meetings of Sunday School Board's field workers and associated workers;

2. Sunday School Associational planning meetings and

3. State Conventions — both general conventions and organizational conventions — references to campaign wherever possible.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

BOX 530 - - - PHONE 2-1600 - - - JACKSON
CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

POTPOURRI

Mississippian W. Douglas Hudgins, former Mississippians Dot Nelson and John Newport, are on Okla.'s State BSU Convention program. . . Of the eighty people on our Convention program, 51 are students. . . Miss. State, with 1,200 Baptists, is getting underway in BSU with 150 enlisted, \$308 being given and 55 joining the Starkville church, an average of 90 at several social events, one conversion, 45 at the daily prayer meeting, 233 volumes in the BSU library, and 83 subscriptions to the Baptist Student last month. There are 800 unsaved students, according to the report. . .

Now that the Cleveland Convention is history, we now need a place of meeting for our State Retreat for BSU Officers next April. Any suggestions?

. . . This is being written before the Convention, so it is impossible to tell how things were, but we feel perfectly safe in saying that a good time was had by all and that our prayer, that Christ might be exalted, was realized. Mr. H. A. Hunderup, Jr., of New Orleans was the first registrant for the Convention and just this morning (Oct. 9), fortyone registrations came in from Woman's College. . . Again we should like to challenge each BSU to attempt to organize another BSU, Negro or White, in your Region, especially during these days of limited funds. . . Would you like to have Chas. A. Wells at our '49 Convention? We're trying to get him. If you'd like to have him, write him so at 152 Madison Ave.,

New York. . . The doors are open for all volunteers for Vacation Bible School and Youth Revival Work in Hawaii and other places next summer. Those experienced in these two fields of endeavor are preferred. . . "We have some 250 Baptist students at Co-Lin this year," writes Jean Furr, Faculty Adviser, who continues: "We have three B. T. U. Unions and, if attendance increases, we can easily have four." . . It is not difficult to meet expenses these days. You meet 'em every time you turn around. — Copied . . . A Brotherhood and a Y. W. A. have been organized at East Central Jr., meeting simultaneously twice a month. . . Please send us a list of your Council members, if you haven't already. . . MSCW's Flambeau, their BSU paper, is super from kiver to kiver. . . Johnni Johnson, Asst. Ed. of the Baptist Student, lets us know of one of our campuses which has sold 139 subscriptions as against 65 last year. . . J. C. Mitchell and Dorothy Stockstill, BSUsers at Pearl River Jr., were elected Pres. and Sec'y of their Student Body. . . Hinds Jr. BSUsers recently completed a full slate of officers by electing John Tate, Bernice Lindsley, Mary Nell Langley and Willis Butts to positions on the Council. . . James Hodges is the new BSU prexy at Clarke. . . Recently there were 200 MSCW girls in S. S. and 61 united with the local church, according to Columbus Pastor Woodson. . . Have enough more to fill two Baptist Records but this will be all for now. . .

GULF COAST CHURCHES SET SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL

Pastor E. R. Anderson, Chairman of the arrangements Committee for the Gulf Coast Association's simultaneous revival meeting, in forms us that 14 out of the 18 Baptist churches in that association have joined themselves together for an Evangelistic campaign that bids well to be the most influential move for Christ ever to be undertaken on the Coast. Plans for the meeting include Cottage Prayer Meeting, prior to the revival date. A mass inspirational meeting, of pastors and workers will be led by Mr. Rev. Robert G. Witty, pastor of the Temple church, Jacksonville, Florida. These meetings will run October 28, 29, and 30, and will be held in the auditorium of the First church, Gulfport, Mississippi. For these three nights the meeting will be high-lighted by personal testimonies and inspirational messages concerning Evangelistic efforts. On Sunday morning October 31, the revival meetings begin in the 14 cooperating Baptist churches. Due to the fact that Pass Christian and Klin are pastored by one man, Klin had their revival meeting beginning October 4, running through October 8, with the Rev. O. B. Anderson doing the preaching. Also, New Hope church and Lyman church being pastored by one man, find it necessary to hold the Lyman revival meeting at a later date. The following is a list of cooperating churches and visiting preachers and their present pastors:

CHURCH	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Bay St. Louis	L. E. Green	John Dearing
Pass Christian	Garland McInnis	W. S. Allen
Long Beach	James Street	E. R. Anderson
New Hope	Robert Witty	J. B. Watkins
West Side	Percy Ray	E. S. Flynt
East Side	Dan Morton	Dan Morton
Gulfport First	Paul Horner	Joe T. Odle
Handsboro	G. Wiley	Paul Cooper
Fernwood	R. Alexander	R. Alexander
Wool Market	N. B. Saucier	N. B. Saucier
Big Ridge	George Moore	A. D. Vaughn
Biloxi First	James Parish	G. C. Hodge
Sharon	Tom Henry	Singer—Bob Entriokin
Grace Memorial	Harold Jordan	None
		P. S. Dodge

There will be both morning and evening services at each of our churches and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Since October 15, 1947, Southern Baptists have sent 1,864,980 pounds of clothing through the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, Louisiana. Memphis Baptists are asking Memphis Merchants to contribute outdated merchandise to the drive.

A New Jersey Baptist minister gave a three-inch strip of bone from his hip to save the arm of a 4-year-old boy. Surgeons who performed the operation called Rev. Edward C. Earle, Pennsauken, New Jersey, pastor, "the truest Christian we have ever seen."

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.— Miss Nell Taylor

MAKER FOR DISTRICT MEETINGS



Mrs. Ida Stallworth

Mrs. Stallworth will be the speaker at Pontotoc Sept. 26th, Ackerman Sept. 27, Winona Sept. 28th and Drew Sept. 29th in the district meetings. She served for a period of time as the Executive Secretary of the W.M.U. of Alabama W. M. U. She will bring a general message of the work of Woman's Missionary Union.

OFFICERS CLINIC

One hundred ninety one officers from 47 associations spent two days together at Camp Garaywa last week. Most of the time was given to conference and planning together. There were 5 conferences: District chairmen and Associational superintendents led by Mrs. Sledge, President and Miss Robinson, Exec. Sec'y; District and Associational young people's leaders led by Miss Taylor, Y. P. Sec'y; Stewardship chairmen led by Mrs. J. H. Street; Missions Study chairmen led by Mrs. W. A. Bell and Community Missions Chairmen led by Mrs. W. A. Stockton.

Time was also given for the districts to meet and make plans for work in their respective districts. The inspirational feature of the meeting was the presence and message of Miss Gladys Keith, Director of the River Front Mission work of the Home Mission Board in New Orleans, La.

This meeting should prove to be a real factor in the working together at this task of "Missions."

(We asked Rev. Odle to prepare material to send to the Societies concerning this need—below we give excerpts from the article.)

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF

The Executive Committee of Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi is calling upon the Woman's Missionary Societies of our state to make a special offering during October for the aged ministers and ministers' widows of our state who are on the Relief and Annuity Board relief rolls. I can think of nothing that can be done just now that will meet a more acute need, or bring greater blessings.

Let us consider the aged minister and his widow. In the Southern Baptist convention more than 1400 of these servants of the Lord are being supported at least in part by the gifts of Southern Baptists. In our own state there are more than 50 on the roll and others are making application for help from month to month. Who are these men and women? Most of them served for meager salary, but gave their best to the churches and the denomination.

They preached the gospel, led multitudes to Christ, established churches, pastored churches, ministered unto their people, and carried on in a sacrificial manner. Few of them ever had an income adequate to meet even their daily needs.

Most of these men served in a day before Southern Baptists provided a retirement plan whereby the preacher, his church and the denomination together could provide for a retirement income when old age came. Nevertheless, old age did come to them even as unto others, and the day came when they could no longer serve the churches.

Through the Relief and Annuity Board we have sought to give help to every worthy case. Today the relief checks go out regularly each quarter to the more than fourteen hundred beneficiaries on our rolls. However, the average grant is less than \$15.00 per month for the minister and less than \$10.00 per month to the widow. This is pitifully small in a day when costs of living are so high, but it is all that the Board can do until Southern Baptists greatly increase their offerings to this cause.

As chairman of the Aged Relief Committee of our Convention I rejoice as I think of the happiness and blessing that it will bring. I thank God for the W. M. U. and for the way that it leads out in seeking to meet such needs.

MARGARET FUND STUDENTS in Mississippi Colleges. You will want to remember these in prayer, by letter and invite them to your homes.

Rosaline Owens, Palestine a student at Blue Mountain College.

Mary Ellen Simpson, daughters of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Simpson, missionaries to the Indians in Mississippi, a student at Blue Mountain College; Katie Mae Tubby, whose father is a Choctaw Indian pastor, a student at Clarke College and Charles Woolforth, whose mother works at the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans and he is a student at Holmes Co. Jr. College.

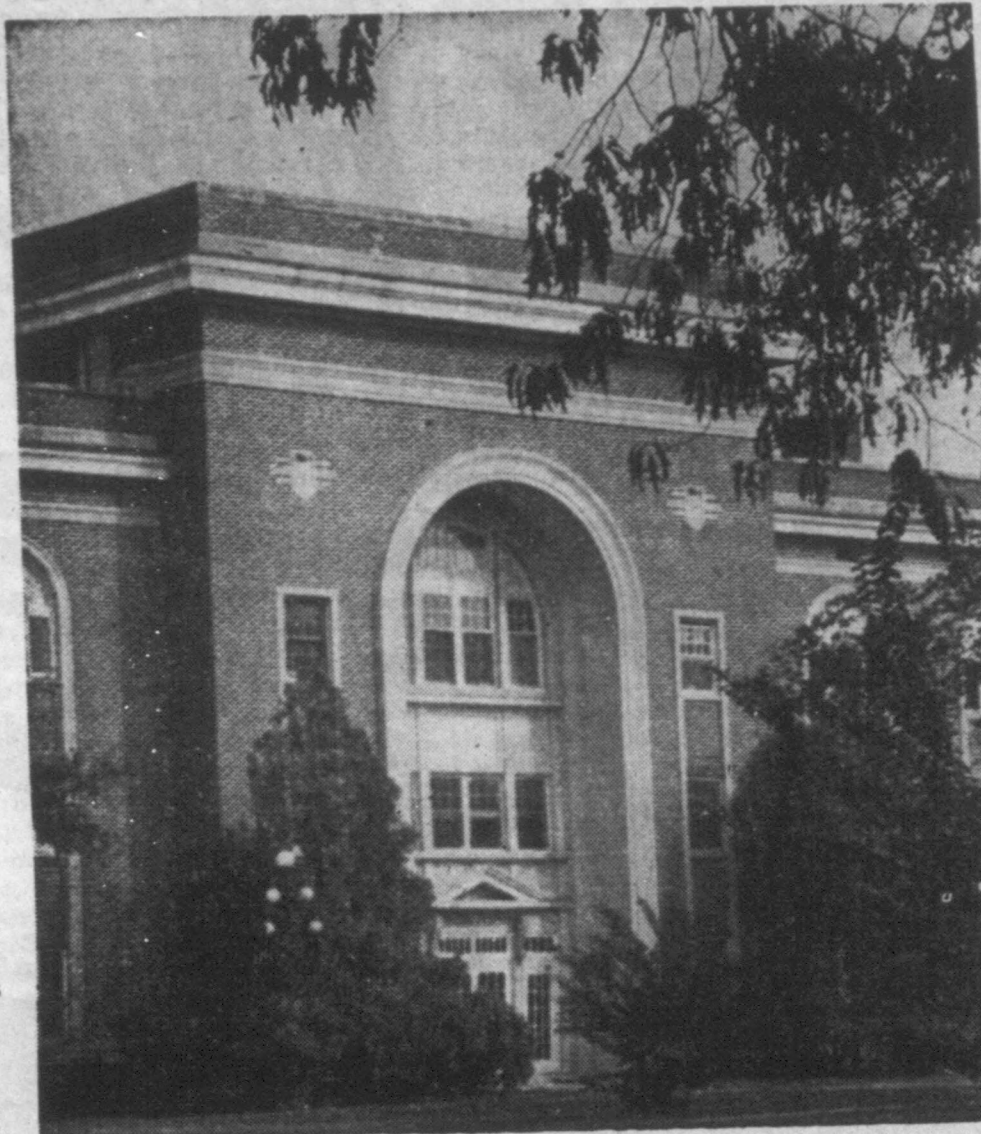
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ITAWAMBA ASSOC. MEETS

The Itawamba Association, meeting with Evergreen church, M. V. Owings, pastor, had nine churches reporting, with one new church, Parker Chapel, received. O. R. Montgomery, Baldwin, is pastor. Gains in baptisms totaled 10 over last year, with 45 reported E. D. Estes of Trinity in Fulton was elected moderator, with J. C. Graham assistant and W. O. Woods, Golden, as clerk.

The next session will be, first day, at Antioch and second day at Fairview. At the request of A. G. Graham, E. D. Estes was selected as alternate state board member to serve in his absence. W. L. Holcomb brought stirring messages on temperance. J. D. Thomson of Plantersville spoke on missions. L. G. Sansing of Booneville spoke on Christian education, especially stressing the work done by Clarke College. Missionary J. B. Laney spoke on Sunday school work and E. D. Estes on B. T. U., W. M. S. and Brotherhood, prayer meeting and tithing.

Evergreen church proved excellent hosts and beautiful flowers with fine food added to the pleasure of the guests.



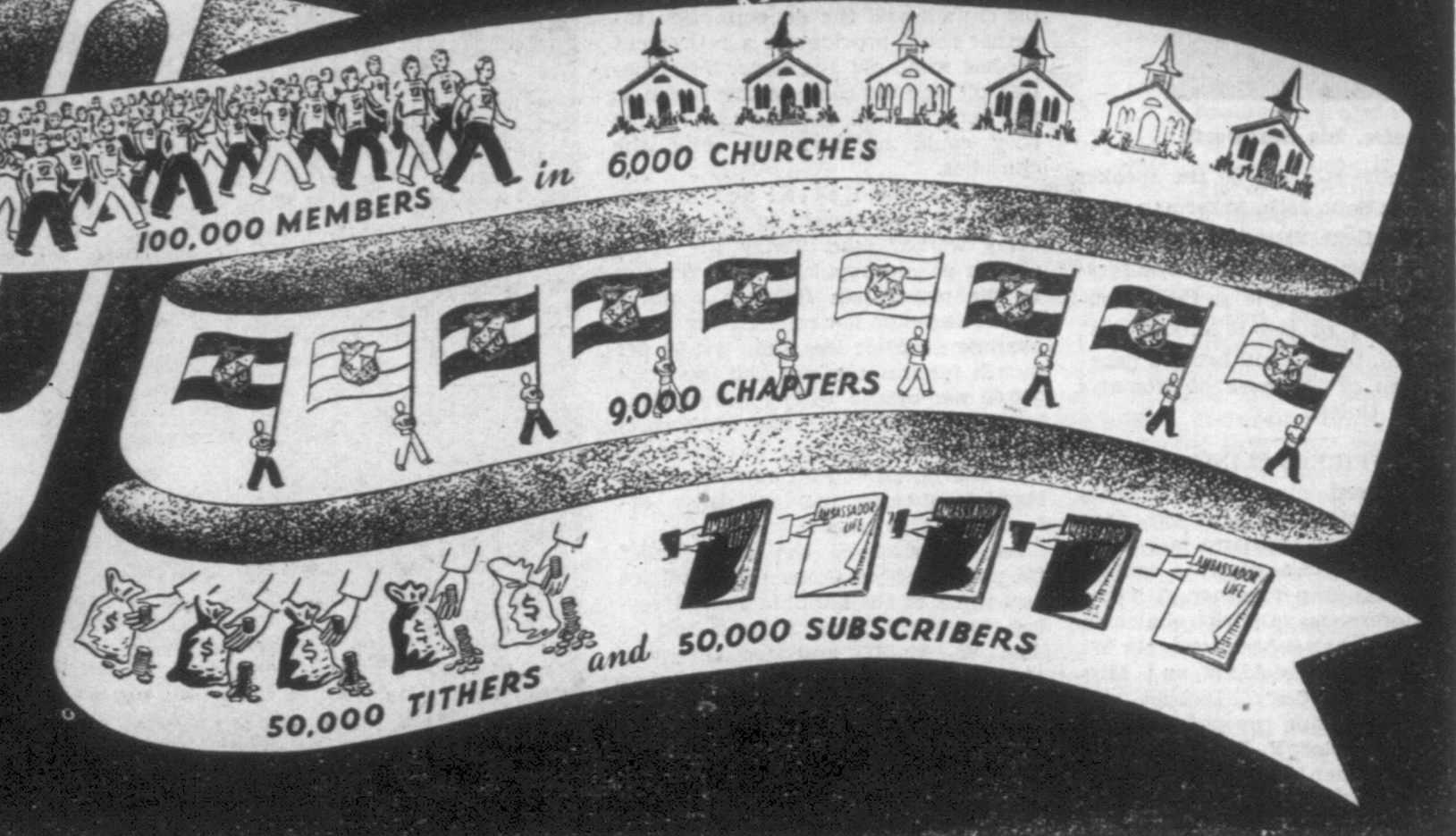
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Below: Conclave.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for October 24

HISTORY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
I Kings 4:21-11:13.

I. The Title and the Text. The title of this lesson would indicate to the student that the lesson to follow was to be a study of the place of the Old Testament record in the history of the world. You will, therefore, indulge me a few remarks on the subject assigned before I go into a discussion of the actual text assigned.

Of the 39 books of the Old Testament, seventeen are histories. Of the 27 books of the New Testament, five—and the most important in it—are histories. In addition to this, many of the other books contain historical elements of tremendous importance. Nearly every one of the prophetic books contain valuable historical material.

Of the three major forms of literature in the Old Testament—historical, prophetic, and poetic—the historical occupies four-sevenths of the entire Old Testament, extending from Genesis through Esther. Today's lesson touches the literature of the New Testament, but here as in the Old Testament the historical matter is placed first. This teaches that the prophetic utterances, the spiritual revelations, the experiences of the Bible, rest upon a foundation of actual historical occurrences. Moses' wonderful Song of Deliverance (Exodus 15) celebrates an event the greatest that their God had shown to His chosen people.

The Old Testament is the most remarkable historical work of the world. The history is that of a people small in numbers, but whose influence upon the world's history itself there is such a profound outlook as is not found elsewhere in the annals of any people. The Old Testament history differs from all other history in that here, again and again, the recognition of the guiding hand of God is evident.

It is God who creates the world, who calls Adam to account for his sin, who prods the conscience of the fratricide, who leads Enoch and warns an obdurate Noah, who sends the flood, who calls Abraham out of wealth, who hustles Lot out of dooms, and then rains fire upon a city so wicked and rotten in moral and practice that any reason of its emendation has died. The story of no other people of any age or of any ways of God with man, and of His place of primacy in the dual and natinal life that is His in the history of the people. And at the same time, the story of whatever tongue or nation he feels that he is conning the story of his own people. This is universal history, the history of God's dealings with all kinds of men, and all kinds of nations would profit from the reading of it.

II. The Theme of the Text. The text for this lesson has one theme, the dealing of God with His chosen king, Solomon.

1. Solomon asked God for wisdom, which to rule God's people, he heard his prayer. (I Kings 3:9-12) He gave him wisdom. "If any of you is wise, let him ask of God, for He will give to all liberally and unbraidedly. It shall be given him" (James 1:5).

2. Solomon's wealth and his kingdom reached its greatest extent under David, and Solomon inherited the territories of his father and the wisdom of them, and Solomon acted as a great king and the cost of his reign was very great. 3. God, a

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The Old Testament is the most re-historical work of the ancient world. The history is that of a nation of men, all in numbers, but most replete in their achievements and consequences upon the world. In the Old Testament there is such a universal history, not found elsewhere in the world, that any people. The Old Testament differs from all other in that, again and again, there is a sense of the guiding hand of God.

God who creates the world, who holds account for his disobedient sons, who prods the conscience of Cain, who leads righteous Noah, who sends the flood, who brings out of wealthy, wicked Ur, the Lot out of doomed Sodom, who rains fire upon a city grown proud and rotten in moral principles, teaches that any reasonable hope of redemption has died. The chronicles of the people of any age record the God with man, and accord to him a place of primacy in all individual and national life that is assigned to the history of the people Israel. At the same time, the reader, of the Old Testament or nation he may be, is conning the story of his people. This is universal history, the story of God's dealings with men, of men, and all kinds of men, profit from the reading.

Theme of the Text. All the Bible has one theme: the God of God with His chosen people. His chosen king, Solomon.

Solomon asked God for wisdom in order to rule God's people, and God gave him wisdom. (I Kings 3:6-9) and wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth liberally and unbravely not; and he will give him" (James 1:5).

Solomon's wealth and lavishness. The kingdom reached its greatest extent under him, and Solomon inherited all the riches of his father and the revenues of the kingdom, and Solomon acted the part of a king and the cost of that acting was great. 3. God, as He ever

WHAT AN ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY DOES

By Rev. R. B. Patterson, Pontotoc County Missionary



REV. R. B. PATTERSON

His activities grow out of his office.

Being a Missionary he does what he is sent to do. Being an Associational Missionary he does his work within the bounds of the Association. He is one sent of God; called of God; a servant of Jesus Christ unto the Churches. His work is in the territory of the Association with the churches and for the churches, helping them and working with them and through them for the extension of Christ's cause to every nook and corner of the Association, and inspiring them to send the message out to the ends of the earth. He seeks to edify the Churches in the things of Christ. He honors and respects the Pastors of the churches and seeks to work with them and for them as they lead the churches over which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers.

He preaches God's word in regular church services; in revivals; school houses; mission stations; and whenever and wherever the opportunity affords. He teaches God's word in Sunday School Class; in special Bible Study Courses; in conferences; and in private conversation with saint and

does, certified his promise to give Solomon wisdom, and he became noted as the wisest king in all the world.

4. Solomon built the temple, a house of prayer for all nations. 5. Solomon dedicated the temple. This was a fitting and proper proceeding. The house was built for God, for a meeting place for God and His people. It was built as an expression of appreciation of Solomon and his people for God. To them their God was worthy of the best they had and could do.

6. The glory of Solomon's reign, or the reign of Solomon was glorious. David left Solomon a great kingdom and much treasure and a great program, yes, oh, yes! But let us not forget that the builder and maker and maker and donor of all this magnificence and the source of all Solomon's wisdom was the God of David and Solomon and you and me.

7. Solomon acted the fool at last. Was Solomon lost? Did he fall from grace and fall of heaven because he acted the fool in his last days? I'd regret just a little to have to believe that Solomon had to go to hell for obeying the blubbery behest of a fool wife, or some dozens of them. I hope that at the least there will be some men in heaven who would not have arrived had the Almighty held them to strict account for all their wives enticed them to do, though Adam's case would seem to argue.

sinner. He visits churches; church fields; prospective fields; mission stations; homes; individuals, and groups—all in the interest of Christ's cause. He serves as Pastor to pastorless churches. He supplies the pulpit in the absence of the pastor when he can so do. He assists pastorless churches to contact available preachers and vice versa. He promotes Associational-wide efforts to enlist and help the churches in all phases of their work. He co-operates with the different departments of our State work in reaching all of our people in the limitations of the Association. He seeks out needy places and starts something for the Lord in organizing a new Sunday School; Mission Station; B. T. U., W. M. S., or any other phase of the Lord's work. He organizes new churches; helps them in their youthful days; and endeavors to properly relate them in the denominational life of Association, State, and southland.

The Associational Missionary helps the Associational Organizations to properly function and to accomplish the ends for which they exist. He represents the cause of Christ in State, Home, Foreign, and all kinds of missionary, educational, or benevolent enterprises that are true to the word of God. He writes much, corresponds with many individuals, travels many miles, sees many people, preaches many sermons, and spends many hours in doing the work of the Lord. In the interest of the work he attends conventions, conferences, meetings, clinics, schools, assemblies, and gatherings of all kinds.

And in the midst of it all he tries to find some time to study God's word and to pray. Pray for the Associational Missionaries. They do have something to do!

Department of Temperance Activities

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LOCAL OPTION ELECTIONS

Several counties in Mississippi are now working toward elections to oust beer. They should be held this year. This is a very important hour, therefore, in these counties. Let us remember them in our prayers for a great victory.

THE PRICE OF BEER

A little while ago a little boy was killed in our state by a truck. The driver of the truck said, "I just had a couple of beers." While conducting the funeral, the Pastor said, "This is the price of two bottles of beer."

A good man, his wife, and daughter, and a cousin were driving down highway 51 a few weeks ago when they observed a car approaching swerving from one side of the highway to the other. They drove off the highway and stopped their car for safety. The drunk ran into their car, killed the man and his wife, seriously injured their daughter, and broke the other lady's neck—she is still in a cast. The wreckless driver was drinking beer. He is charged with manslaughter. Remember the beer crowd would have us believe that beer is the drink of moderation. Let me ask you to ponder this question: Who is guilty of this ruthless slaughter on our highways and elsewhere caused by beer, wine, gin, and whiskey? No, not only the driver or the person who actually commits the crime. In the cases mentioned the driver will perhaps be the

40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

40 YEARS AGO

Rev. A. L. O'Bryant reports eight meetings with a total of 204 additions, as follows: Baxterville-16; Burns-3; Hickory Grove-23; Pleasant Grove-7; Rocky Creek-17; Perkinson-23; Sandersville-50 additions.

25 YEARS AGO

Pastor W. S. Landrum resigns at Braxton, but remains at D'Lo.

The West Laurel church has just purchased a lot of 108 by 150 feet on which they propose to erect a new house of worship and a pastor's home. Pastor Bryan Simmons praises the church for its aggressiveness.

A County-Wide Open Air revival meeting is reported in Marion County during which all the Baptist churches united for ten days at the county seat, Columbia, on the campus of the High School. One Hundred and three were baptised into the fellowship of the Columbia Baptist church and 47 joined by letter. Dr. W. F. Powell of Nashville, Tenn., was the preacher.

Pastor G. C. Hodge reports that the "greatest revival meeting in the history of the church" had just closed at Fayette. Eleven were received for baptism, and \$433.26 was raised as offerings, of which \$200 was given by the KKK "for the erection of a Baptist church in Fayette."

Mt. Morgan Has Study Course

Mt. Morgan Church, Hinds County, William H. Lee, pastor, held a Training Union Revival October 3-8 under the direction of Rev. F. G. Wilborn of Poplarville. The effort was in cooperation with the Associational Enlargement Campaign.

One new union was organized and 34 study course awards given.

only ones to answer before the courts here. The person who sold the beer—legally or illegally matters not which—those who sold the beer license, all who voted for the legislation of the damnable liquid poison, and all who use it or encourage the traffic in any way are equally guilty. At the great Judgement Bar of God all these will stand before God with the blood of the hundreds of thousands of liquor's victims dripping from their finger tips. Hear these words: "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground."

Surely the liquor traffic is the most damnable, devastating business that every crept out of hell. Abraham Lincoln was right when he said, "Liquor may have its defenders but it has no defense." Not one good thing can be said for it. Oh! How long will we permit this bloody monster of hell to strike down our citizens and spill their blood?

No wonder the Miami, Florida, liquor man, who admits that he cleared \$100,000 in 1947, went out of business when he "followed the bottle home" and saw what it was doing. Those who sell the stuff are enemies of youth, the home, the church, and the Christ. No good man can prey on our young. No good man will traffic in human blood and happiness for dollars.

Pray for us in the fight against these evils, and call on us when we can serve.

Sparks & Splinters

First Church, Senatobia, has closed one of its best years and the report to the association showed total contributions \$19,602 and gifts to missions and benevolence \$5,566. Plans for an education building are being made and \$22,500 has been collected toward the cost of this building.

Newly elected officers on the student government council at Blue Mountain College are: eJan Jones, Baldwin, house president representative; Edna Jean Reynolds, Starkville, freshman representative for September; Gail Nelms, Gadsden, Ala., freshman representative for October; Bess Ann Smith, Blue Mountain, local representative.

Mississippi Baptists sent a total of \$20,090 for outside causes during the month of September, as reported by Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of this, \$18,279 was for the Cooperative Program and the remainder was designated. The totals for the Southern Baptist Convention for this year to October 1 are \$6,993,474. For the same time in 1947 the total was \$5,715, 114.

Providence Church, Forrest County, has had 21 additions since May 30. During the summer they had a revival, a BTU Study Course with 86 awards, and a Vacation Bible School with 124 enrolled. Youth choirs have been organized. The Sunday School has grown from 221 to 273 and the attendance has increased from 120 to 181. The Training Union has enjoyed an equal gain.

Linn Church, Sunflower County, Martin Smith, pastor, elected the following officers for the associational year: Sunday School Superintendent, Lawrence Braswell; BTU Director, Roy Mitchel; Brotherhood President, Troy Dawson; WMU President, Mrs. Annie Mitchel; Church Treasurer, J. B. Ratliff; Church Clerk, Clyde Mitchel.

Rev. Jesse L. Morgan of Calhoun City, a graduate of Mississippi College and a former pastor of the Linwood Church, Neshoba, is completing his course of study in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas early in January. He is anxious to return to Mississippi and he prefers a rural pastorate. He may be reached at Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth 10, Texas.

Station KWEM over West Memphis, Arkansas, has been added to the Mississippi Baptist Hour in order to provide coverage for northwest and north-central Mississippi. Due to technical difficulties the Mississippi Baptist Hour was not heard over many of the stations on Oct. 10. This technical difficulty was for the broadcast of the World Series, which made it impossible for the stations to carry the programs, due to commitments to their respective networks. The Mississippi Baptist Hour will be heard over all the stations as usual beginning next Sunday.

Among recent visitors in the Baptist Record office were: Rev. and Mrs. Montie A. Davis, Katherine Davis, Mrs. L. L. Kurtz, and Mrs. H. J. McAdams, Brandon; J. O. Ritter and T. M. Stevens, Durant; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Boothe and David, Jackson; Huey Shelton, Patricia Watts, Virginia Fulton, Ouida Hemphill, Dot Agnew, and Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Alford and Raymond, Scooba; Mrs. F. M. Coleman, Jackson; Rev. E. D. Estes, Fulton; Rev. H. A. Borah, Sturgis; Rev. Odis C. Bryant, Clinton; Rev. H. E. Cook, Bogue Chitto; and Rev. Earl Brooks, Hopewell.

From the Alabama Baptist we quote, Mr. Fields is chairman of the BOARD of Deacons of the Migland Avenue Church.

Rev. H. L. Davis has been called as pastor of Juniper Grove Church, Pearl River County. Mr. Davis was formerly pastor of Central Church, Hattiesburg. He will begin his work at Juniper Grove on October 24 and will move on the field soon thereafter. — OTIS R. SMITH, Reporter.

Oak Grove Church Adds 35



Oak Grove Church, Smith County, Rev. R. C. Bounds pastor, recently held one of the greatest revivals in its history. The visiting evangelist was the Rev. W. V. May, pastor of Mt. Olive Church. The house was filled at every service.

There were 35 additions, 30 by baptism.

A building program is now underway. When the new building is completed the church is looking forward to a full-time program.

Dr. E. A. Tullos, chairman of the committee on Order of Business for the Mississippi Baptist Convention writes that the following changes have been made since the program was submitted for publication: Dr. Clifton J. Allen will speak for the Sunday School Board at 3:40 P. M. on Tuesday afternoon. The Baptist Foundation Report originally scheduled for that time will be given by Dr. B. C. Land at 4:30 p. m. on Wednesday. Other changes include: Report on Church Music by Lester White at 3:55 Tuesday afternoon; Devotional by W. P. Bobo at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday and cancellation of the Dedication Service for New Buildings at Mississippi College which was to have been held at Clinton at 8:30 on Thursday morning.

Dr. William, pastor at Camdentown, Mo. and formerly pastor at Carthage writes as follows concerning his first year at Camdentown: God has blessed our first year at Camdentown and we reported 91 additions at the associational meeting, 52 by baptism. We have, waiting to be baptized, a group of 29. Our goal for the new church year, in this county seat town of less than 1000 population, is "not less than 100 (baptisms) this year". We are looking for an assistant pastor and are also undertaking to pay the salary of one of our foreign missionaries, this to be above and beyond our gifts to the Cooperative Program.

Wednesday night, September 29, Johnie Wagner and Harris Hubbard were ordained as deacons at the First Church, Batesville. J. C. Sparks was recognized as a deacon coming from the Chandler Chapel Church at Booneville. — Dorris Bailey, reporter.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

October 25 — Riley Munday, BSU Secretary, Mississippi Southern; Brotherhood District Conferences.

October 26 — Mrs. Marcus Smith, BSU Secretary, East Central Junior College; S. H. McDonnell, President, Jones County Brotherhood.

October 27 — S. A. Salter, BSU Secretary, Mississippi State; Mrs. Winston Campbell, Bookstore, Mississippi College.

October 28 — Miss Betty Hubbard, BSU Secretary, Jones Junior College; Miss Helen Richards, Blue Mountain faculty.

October 29 — Charles Tolbert, BSU Secretary, Mississippi College; Miss Marion E. Davis, District V. Music Director.

October 30 — Miss Beverly Hodges, BSU Secretary, Southwest Junior College; Eugene L. Farr, Clarke College faculty.

October 31 — Mrs. W. F. Haley, BSU Secretary, Perkinson Junior College; W. R. Roberts, State Brotherhood Secretary.

JUDGE ABRUPTLY ENDS

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religious garb, catechism classes and Catholic pictures displayed in some schools.

"With all these influences," he said, "to say there is still separation of Church and State in the places named here is to say there is separation by a bell or a sign of 'private.' There is no separation there."

Sister Mary Servuline, principal of the Villanueva High School in San Miguel County, said last June's graduation exercises were held in the school building, but that the class subsequently attended a Catholic religious service and received diplomas from a priest.

Mass Preceded Graduation

Sister Pancrita Phillips, principal of the county school at Mora, N. M., declared that graduation ceremonies were held in the Catholic church there, following a Mass which all students attended.

Another witness, Sister M. Victoria, fifth grade teacher in the Villanueva public school, told the court that grades in catechism were listed on the regular report cards.

A public school teacher, Protestant by faith, was called as a witness in the Dixon case here and testified that some Catholic public school pupils who avoid a Catholic catechism class were "scolded" and sometimes "slapped."

Eliud Vasquez, a teacher in the Dixon, N. M., school told the court that when he was assigned to the Costilla High School in Taos County some Protestant children were treated biasedly.

Classes Late Because of Prayers

He asserted that his junior English class was late every morning because a Catholic nun held the students after 9 a. m. to recite prayers.

Previous testimony offered at the hearing by Catholic nuns was to the effect that they taught catechism outside "school hours," that is, between 8:30 a. m. and 9 a. m.

Sister Lucille, principal of the Penasco grade school, declared from the witness stand that up until March, 1948, the parish priest customarily heard confessions in the public school library once a month between 1:30 p. m. and 3:30 p. m.

Another witness, Sister Maura, superintendent in the independent school district of Penasco, said that "sociology" was the term used for a catechism class for high school seniors, and that credit was given for the course.

Mrs. Victor Johnson of Dixon, testified that her son had once come home from school "upset," because, she claimed, Sister Dorothea, a teacher at the Dixon public school last year, had taken him by the arm and ushered him into church, telling him to go to confession.

Previous witnesses, most of them teaching nuns, admitted that they taught the catechism in public schools, but insisted they did so outside "school hours," that is, between 8:30 and 9 a. m.

Mrs. Gail Barber, under questioning testified that she saw no objection to the appearance of crosses in New Mexico schools because the cross is the standard of every Christian religion in the world. She also said that the state board list of approved pictures for display in public schools included one of Pope Pius XII.

Attend Masses Or Stay Outside

Another witness, 17-year-old Tresita Alire, who is now a student at the McCurdy Mission, a Protestant institution at Santa Cruz, declared that when she was a student at the Dixon public school last year she had either to attend Catholic religious classes or stay outside the school building.

"Sometimes it was very cold," she testified, "and we had to go inside and listen."

The Rev. J. Paul Stevens, Presbyterian pastor at Taos, told of visits he had made to schools in widely scattered

A PLEA FOR PRAYER

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special days and call Christians of all nations to their knees in prayer to God for victory. Why not go to prayer now, all of us who have faith to believe that our God is able to intercept the imminent doom which now threatens civilization? If we begin to pray now we may begin to shoot later.

I have no pharisaic recommendation to make about prayer. I know we have to be constantly in prayer, unostentatious prayer. We must pray as individuals and as groups. We must pray in a way to make it possible for God to answer our prayers. We must repent of our sins, turn from our wicked ways, and rest our case with God.

I should like to see every church of every faith make provision in its order of service on the Lord's Day for special prayer to God for guidance, for direction, for protection in this hour of crisis. It would be wonderful if all the groups could unite their hearts to God on every Lord's Day that the leaders of this earth may somehow grasp and accept the fact of the holiness and righteousness and power of God; and under the leadership of his Spirit resolve to live together in a recognition of both the mercy and justice of God.

Let us pray!

parts of the state. These schools, he said, were staffed wholly or partly by members of Catholic religious orders. He said he found many of these schools displaying statues, religious pictures and Catholic literature.

Mrs. Lydia Zellers of Dixon, one of the Protestant plaintiffs who are seeking to bar garbed Catholic nuns, brothers and priests from teaching in the state's public schools, said her two sons did not attend the Dixon school because she could "see the indoctrination of children" at the St. Joseph school there.

She added that Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne of Santa Fe took part in the 1945 graduation ceremonies at the school in Dixon, and handed out the diplomas to students, who "kissed his ring."

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Gerrard Elected Moderator Of Scott Association

The Scott County Association held its annual meeting with the Cooper-ville Baptist Church October 14 with messengers from 27 of its 28 churches. Most of the churches reported a good years work.

A delicious lunch was served by the Cooper-ville Baptist church on the grounds at the noon hour. Pastor Felix Green and the host church cared for the physical needs of the messengers to the Association in a very fine way making possible a very good meeting in their very attractive new church.

The newly elected officers for the Association are: R. Y. Gerrard, Pastor at Morton, Moderator, Aubrey Smith, Vice Moderator (Pastor at Korkville and Ludlow) and Moody Purvis of Morton, Clerk and Treasurer.

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Encouraging Reports Heard At Tate Association

The Tate County Association held one of the best meetings in its history Oct. 7 with Mt. Zion Church, Independence. All the churches were represented and their reports showed definite progress during the year. Mt. Zion and its pastor, Rev. Oliver B. Hood, extended most gracious hospitality to their guests.

Rev. Marvin O. Huffstatler of Wyatte preached the associational sermon and addresses were delivered by Rev. Chas. O. Pate and Dr. H. L. Martin on the Co-operative Program, Prof. J. A. Bullard on Christian Citizenship, Dr. Chas. S. Henderson, Rev. D. E. George and Rev. A. S. Johnston of Jackson.

The next meeting will be held at Arkabutla and all officers were re-elected, including Dr. H. L. Martin, Moderator; Rev. A. T. Cinnamon, vice-moderator, and Rev. F. V. McFaridge, clerk and treasurer.

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PVT. TROY WATTS

On September 24 funeral services were held at the Damascus Church, Franklin County, for Pvt. Troy Watts, who was killed in action in Germany on Nov. 21, 1944. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Watts of Lucien.

Troy entered the army in 1940, having served four years at the time of his death. Services were conducted in military order, with the Rev. James Allgood officiating and Pastor L. C. Brown assisting.

In addition to his parents he leaves six sisters, three brothers, and a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were veteran friends. The beautiful flowers placed on his grave in the Damascus cemetery showed the love of many.

The memory of Troy will urge us to live the honorable, upright, Christian life, and to meet him in Heaven among God's chosen ones. We extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that God will comfort and sustain them.

—MRS. SAM BARFOOT.

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Coulter Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary

At the close of the Prayer meeting service on October 6, those in attendance at Taylorsville church assembled in the basement for a surprise celebration of the silver wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. T. R. Coulter.

Hubert Adams, Sunday School Superintendent, spoke words of appreciation and presented them with a lovely chest of silver. Many other gifts and words of congratulations were also received.

SELLERS GIVEN \$5,000 TO NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY



Mr. Ernest O. Sellers (right foreground), Professor Emeritus of sacred music at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, presents a \$5,000 endowment to Seminary president Roland Q. Leavell. Looking on are members of the Seminary's music faculty (left to right) Mr. Joseph Bartlett, Mrs. Walter J. Clark, Mr. W. Plunkett Martin, and Mr. Elliot A. Alexander.

Edith Alexander Volunteers For Full-Time Service



EDITH ALEXANDER

The First Baptist Church of Itta Bena experienced a peak hour during the summer when Miss Edith Alexander surrendered to do definite christian work.

Miss Alexander is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Alexander and at the present time is a student at M. S. C. W. of Columbus. She is an accomplished musician and during the summer worked with a team of youth in Youth Revivals in the North Eastern and north Central states.

Miss Alexander will continue her music study and will enter this field of Christian work.

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FIRST CHURCH, GULFPORT, SUMMARIZES BLESSINGS

First Church, Gulfport, Rev. Joe T. Odle, pastor, has enjoyed many blessings during the past year. The present church membership is 2,153, with 246 added during the year, 58 by baptism. The Sunday School enrollment is 908 and the Training Union, 187. The WMU, with 277 enrolled, has ten organizations; 80 are enrolled in the Brotherhood.

Of the \$80,367 which has gone through the budget this year, \$12,656 went to missions.

Leavell. Looking on are members of the Seminary's music faculty (left to right) Mr. Joseph Bartlett, Mrs. Walter J. Clark, Mr. W. Plunkett Martin, and Mr. Elliot A. Alexander.

Rev. Ernest O. Sellers, prominent Southern Baptist leader in the field of sacred music for thirty years, has presented a sum of \$5,000 to the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Seminary president, has announced.

The earnings from this money will be used as scholarships. Music students who take private instruction in their course shall be beneficiaries.

Scholarships will be granted only to those intending to devote themselves to a full-time musical ministry.

Mr. Sellers served as a member of the faculty of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary for 25 years, where he inaugurated a department of training for church musicians and evangelistic singers.

Lecturer, composer, newspaper correspondent and author of several books, Mr. Sellers has traveled extensively in America, Europe, South America and many Bible lands.

At the age of seventy-eight, Mr. Sellers is still active in the fields of music and writing. Some of his better known books are "Worship, Why and How;" "Personal Evangelism;" "How to Improve Church Music;" and "Musical Notation and Conducting."

Hymns he has composed include: "Wonderful Jesus," "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart" and "When the Shadows Flee."

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Biloxi, First, Notes Gains

First Church, Biloxi, Dr. G. C. Hodge, pastor, has enjoyed many gains during the past year. They have added 221 members, making a total church membership of 1176. The organizations of the church now have the following enrollments: Sunday School, 609; Training Union, 112; W. M. U., 171; Brotherhood, 15. The Vacation Bible School had 132 enrolled.

A grand total of \$16,150.57 was given to local work and missions. Approximately 25 per cent of the grand total given out went to missions.

During the year a kindergarten was opened for children from 4 to 6 years of age. So far as we know this is the only kindergarten, in the State operated by a Baptist church.

SECOND AVENUE CHURCH LAUREL MAKES PROGRESS

Second Avenue Church, Laurel, Rev. J. H. Street, pastor, has added 154 members during the year, 89 by baptism. The total resident membership is now 776. The average attendance for Training Union is 121, for Sunday School is 182, and for Vacation Bible School was 182. The WMS has an enrollment of 112, the auxiliaries, 120, and the Brotherhood, 48.

Total gifts for all purposes amounted to \$36,646 of which \$4,805 was for missions.

The Sunday School has become standard during the past year. Also a library, which now has 407 volumes, has been set up. A School of Music was held. And construction is well underway on the new educational building.

The church bulletin is mailed to every family of the church. Second Avenue has had the Baptist Record Every Family Plan for years.

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Therrell Resigns Pastorate At Sandersville

The Rev. M. C. Therrell after a pastorate of almost seven years has resigned at Sandersville.

During his pastorate there have been 118 additions, 63 by baptism. The Sunday School and Training Union enrollments have grown, five Sunday School rooms have been added, the church and parsonage redecorated, butane gas installed, a cooling system purchased, along with many other improvements. The Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record has been adopted and the Cooperative program supported. The debt on the parsonage has also been paid.

Mr. Therrell has not announced his future plans.

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"Yes, I Tithe"

"The discovery of God's purpose in the tithe started me to tithing, religiously. His purpose in everything is to make us like Himself. Hebrews 12:10—'That we might be partakers of His holiness.' God's program of financing His kingdom is not a money raising scheme, but a soul growing, character developing program. It is not the money but the man; not the gift but the givers, that God wants."

"This is God's way of blessing the giver. When one brings God's tithe to God's house on God's day, and lays it on God's altar for the cause of Christ in a world-wide program, he is blessed."—Dr. Porter M. Bailes pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, and Vice-President of the SBC.

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Maine Attorney General Upholds Bible Reading

AUGUSTA, Me. —(RNS)— Devotional exercises may be conducted in the public schools of Maine, Attorney General Ralph W. Farris ruled here. He notified the Boothbay Harbor school committee that "the Supreme Court ruling in the Illinois case does not apply to Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer."

Farris' assistance was sought by the Boothbay Harbor school committee after Frank C. Hughes, Squirrel Island atheist and retired judge, had threatened court action to stop Bible reading in Maine schools.

Superintendent Harold B. Clifford, secretary of the committee, said Hughes had been informed that devotional exercises would be continued.